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1. Location: See Annex, sketch 1.
2. Layout: See Annex, sketches 2 and 3.
3. Plant history: The Svetlana Plant was completely re-equipped after 1945 by machinery dismantled in a Siemens plant. When source left the plant the re-equipment with machinery was not completed. Only one newly constructed building was seen.
4. Work force: About 500 Soviets worked in each of the three shifts of the main production section. The total work force was estimated at 2,000 to 3,000 Soviets. Unknown German engineers from a Berlin Siemens plant were employed in the factory.
5. The rise in the output of the plant between 1945 and late 1947 was shown on a chart. Three hundred electrical bulbs and a hundred radio tubes were produced every day in late 1947. Standard bulbs from 1 to 100 watts, radio tubes, and transmitting tubes 1½ meters high and ½ meter in diameter were seen. The plant did not yet work to capacity since all of the departments were not in operation.

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6. Power supply: Power was supplied from without; the plant had a transformer station.

7. Outgoing shipments: Railroad cars [REDACTED] were seen. The finished products were also picked up by trucks guarded by officers of all three branches of service. The frequent arrival of generals was noticeable.

8. Raw materials and semi-finished products: About four railroad cars loaded with semi-finished glass products from Finland, raw glass of undetermined origin, and filaments from Germany, as could be seen [REDACTED] arrived at the plant every week.

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[REDACTED] Comment: The Svetlana Plant No. 211 in Leningrad is confirmed by previous reports. After the war it was equipped with machinery dismantled at the Berlin Osram and the Jena Zeiss Plants. Radio and X-ray tubes besides electric bulbs are being produced in the plant, at which German technical personnel from the mentioned two plants is also employed. The present capacity of the enlarged plant is not known. The stated work force varies from 3,000 to 5,000 men.

1 Annex, Blueprint: Svetlana Built and Radio Tubes Plant No. 211.

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